

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 2, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. On the 20th we met with Jason Semlar regarding housing.
2. We met with INDOT to discuss guardrails at the industrial park.
3. On the 28th and 29th evaluations were done with the Department Heads.
4. Today we met on the Community Crossings to wrap up the project.
5. Tomorrow we have a site visit.
6. On the 4th we have a meeting on the art consultancy.
7. Also on the 4th we have a meeting regarding an event to partner with us at Riverside Park. It is called Libations on the Levy. It is the Indiana Craft Beer Association. This will not be at one of our concerts, but at their event they will have 2 bands play.
8. On the 5th we have a Youth Engagement meeting.
9. On the 8th we will meet on City Center regarding the estimates we are getting back.
10. On the 9th we have a planning meeting with Susie Ripley and Deb Lily to discuss grants.
11. On the 10th we will meet with F & V and Coor to discuss the realignment at Save a Lot and 16th Street...
12. On the 11th we will have a Stellar core meeting.
13. On the 15th we will have a City Center Building Committee meeting.
14. The water utility project going north is complete.
15. The lighting for Lawton has been turned over to a study committee.
16. The Council of Clubs baseball diamond was signed back over to the City. We have an agreement with the School on the use of the diamond.
17. Had a meeting with the INDOT signal guy. The goal is to get Highway 3 working properly. They are also putting in a maintenance request for improvements to other

signals. If they are improved there will be a pad which will change the signal when it is approached.

18. We received the Projected Asset Management Plan which is the scoring on the condition of the roads.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Projects are moving along.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said the roll out party will be January 24th.
- **Marketing** - Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing
- **City Center** – Discussed.
- **Cherry Street/Extension** – We are in the right-of-way phase.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – We have a site visit tomorrow.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said he has begun preparing items for the golf cart ordinance. He will be working to make sure the public has all the information they need. He will keep Council informed so they will be able to answer questions.

Street – Commissioner Miller handed out the trash statistics report. Miller said trash was up 38.11 ton and recycle was down 5.22 ton. He said that was not a big change.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said he called Paul Wilkinson regarding the questions we turned in on the ambulance. Wilkinson said he has not looked at the questions but he did deliver a copy to Mark Bacon. Councilman Smith questioned if we are wasting our time. Jenkins said the County agreed to extend the current contract until July. Mayor Pavey said we are not investing anymore time until we get answers.

Park – Director Burklow said he is working with DNR to provide signage along the river.

They have been working at the pool to make it run more efficient.

He has some of the activities for summer camp booked.

They had the 1st learning experience with the recent snow.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CGS Contract** – Newhouse is working on the contract.
2. **Trash Truck Purchase** – Miller said the company is waiting on the 1st payment.
3. **Police Department General Order #64 Body Cameras** – Pavey said the Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation. Smith moved to approve General Order #64. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Council 2018 Appointments – Utility Board Appointment** - Pavey said the utility board appointment expired in June. Cameron moved to re-appoint Butch Singleton to the utility board. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC – Bridges made a motion to appoint Berkemeier to the ECDC Board. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solid Waste District – Councilman Conner agreed to remain on the Solid Waste District Board.

Fiber Optic Board – Bridges agreed to replace Councilman Smith on the Fiber Board.

Redevelopment Commission– Councilman Bridges moved to re-appoint John Pavey and Ron Lienemann to the Redevelopment Commission. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advisory Plan Commission – Councilman Cameron moved to re-appoint Berkemeier to the APC. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council President – Councilman Bridges made a motion to appoint Smith as Council President. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Liaisons:

Conner made a motion to approve the department liaisons as follows:

Utility is open to anyone wishing to attend meetings.

The other department liaisons will remain the same as follows:

Planning & Park – Councilman Berkemeier

Police – Councilman Cameron

Fire – Councilman Conner

Street – Councilman Smith

Animal – Councilman Bridges

Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2018 Encumbrances** – Cameron moved to approve the 2018 encumbrances as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2018-1 Transferring CCI Funds to General Fund** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2018-1. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2018-1 Amending 2018 Salary Ordinance Assistant Park Director** – There was some confusion as to whether this was passed at the last meeting. Copley said there was a motion to amend the salary ordinance. This was actually approving and passing the amendment to the ordinance. Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2018-1 amending the salary for the assistant park director. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmen Smith and Cameron voting “nay”. Councilman Bridges said in respect for Mayor Pavey’s tie breaking vote he would vote “aye”. Bridges warned that this presents a very slippery slope with the possibility of other departments making a similar request. He said how can we tell one yes and another one no. He said this should be done at budget time not after the fact. Councilman Smith volunteered to work on preparing a “range” for salaries to present during the budget cycle process.
4. **Ordinance 2018-2 Amend Flood Hazard Area (Ordinance 2015-1)** – Mayor Pavey said this is not ready, but wanted to keep Council updated. He said DNR has recommended changing the designation to Deputy Plan Director. Currently it states that we will check with the Code Enforcement Officer for anything involving flood hazard. Newhouse is putting together an amendment to the ordinance.
5. **City Center Bonding** – We have a meeting coming up in February. We have given the ok to Umbaugh to proceed with the discussion of the sale of bonds due to a short time frame.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.